

REMARKS

Claims 3-7 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner with Claims 1, 2, and 8-22 standing cancelled.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1-2 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Kou in view of Takiyasu; Claims 8-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Kou-Takiyasu in view of Takiyasu; Claims 13-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Takiyasu in view of Takiyasu; and Claims 18-22 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over Kou-Takiyasu in view of Gatherer.

The cancellation of Claims 1, 2, and 8-22 obviates the rejection of these claims.

Claim 3 was objected to.

The Applicants do not understand the reasoning of the objection and consequently believe Claim 3 is free from informalities.

Applicants appreciate the indication that Claims 3-7 are allowed.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



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